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At the Council-Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 26th Day of *September*, 1700.

PRESENT,

Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council.

THeir Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council taking Notice, That divers Malicious Reports had been spread abroad, with a Design to hinder the Good Effects that might have been expected from His Majesty's Letters Patents lately passed, for a Collection of the Benevolence of well-disposed Persons towards the Redemption of His Majesty's Subjects remaining in Captivity at Makanes *under the Emperor of* Morocco, *as if the Publick Charity already Collected upon the said Letters Patents were sufficient for the Redemption of the said Captives, and that the same was let to Farm. Their Excellencies are pleased to Declare, They are well satisfied that the said Reports are False and Scandalous, and without any Ground, and that the several Sums which have been Collected upon the said Letters-Patents within the Cities of* London *and* Westminster, *and the Bills of Mortality, do not amount to the Sum of Four thousand Pounds: Whereas there will be necessary for the Redemption of the said Captives the Sum of Fourteen thousand Pounds at the least; and to the end that such of His Majesty's Subjects as shall be well-inclined to extend their Charity towards the Redemption of the said Captives may be Rightly Informed, it is Ordered, That this their Excellencies Declaration be Published in the Gazette.*

John Povey.

Constantinople, July 30. *N. S.* The Treaty for a Truce of 30 years between the Czar of *Muscovy* and the Grand Signior, was signed the 16th Instant in the *Divan*, the Grand Visier being present; after which the *Muscovite* Ambassador was presented with 25 *Caftans* or Vests for himself, and the chief Persons of his Retinue. The Ambassador insisted very much, that a free Trade and Navigation should be allowed to the *Muscovites* upon the *Black Sea*, but could not prevail with the *Turks* to consent thereto; but they granted every thing else that was desired by the Czar, who is to remain in Possession of *Azof*, and all his other Fortresses on the River *Tanais*. 'Tis believ'd the Sultan thought it necessary to condescend to several Articles which he at first resolv'd to reject, because of the low Condition his Treasury is reduced to by the late long and expensive War, as well as by the continuance of the Rebellion of the *Arabs* in *Asia*, which according to the Advices from thence has made a great Progress, and grows every day more formidable. The Ambassador of *Poland*, whose chief Errand was, To recover the Cannon which the *Turks* carried away from *Caminieck*; To demand the Restitution of the Captives, whom the *Tartars* carried away with them in their last Inroad, according to what is stipulated by the Treaty of Peace concluded at *Carlowitz*; And to desire, the *Roman* Catholick Religion may be Tolerated in *Moldavia* and *Walachia*; has been refused the first of these Articles, but as to the other two, he has obtained the Satisfaction he desired. His Excellency had Audience of Leave on the 21st Instant of the Sultan, and the 23d of the Grand Visier, and he is since returned to *Poland*. The *Turks* have taken away the Liberty they lately granted the *French*, of having a Consul at *Jerusalem*.

Venice, Sept. 24. The Pope, according to out Advices from *Rome*, was alive on the 18th Instant, but so weakened by his long Illness, that the Cardinals, believing his End very near, carry on their Intrigues concerning a new Election very openly. The *French* Ambassador at *Rome* received lately a very large Pacquet from *Paris*, which it's said he is not to open till the Pope is dead, and is supposed to contain Directions how he shall act on that occasion. The Cardinals *Delfino* and *Rubini* are on their departure from hence to *Rome*, where Cardinal *Medicis* is shortly expected from *Florence*. This Republick has made Choice of Signior *Foscarini* to be their Ambassador to the Emperor. Don *Carlos Bacan*, Ambassador from *Spain*, has, since his arrival here, been visited by the Imperial and *French* Ambassadors, the Pope's Nuncio, and other Foreign Ministers, and he is preparing for his Publick Audience. The Senate has appointed two Colonels, three Serjeant-Majors, and divers other Officers, who all have served in the *Levant*, to Command the Militia of *Terra firma*, and they are ordered to repair forthwith to their respective Commands to Exercise and Discipline those Troops. The Duke of *Modena*'s Agent has notified to the Senate, that the Dutchess was delivered on the first Instant of a Second Prince. By a Ship lately arrived from the *Levant* we have an Account, that the Captain-Bassa *Mezzomorto*, with a Fleet of 16 Men of War and 20 Galleys, was in the *Archipelago*, gathering the Tribute of the Islands in those Parts which are under the *Turkish* Dominion, after which he would sail to *Smyrna*. The Letters from *Constantinople* say, 'twas confidently reported there, That the Grand Signior having sent for the Head of *Ismael* Bassa of *Babylon*, who was accused of being too remiss in suppressing the Rebellion in *Asia*, the Bassa upon notice of it, went over to the Rebels; But this News is not believed by the Grand Signior's Ministers, and several Persons have been severely Punished for reporting it.

Stockholme, Sept. 11. The Queen Grandmother, with the Dutchess of *Holstein*, and the Royal Princess *Ulrick*, returned hither two days ago from *Carelsberg*; And the King of *Sweden* is expected very soon from *Schonen*. It's very much discoursed, that after a short stay here, he will go to *Livonia*, and will be attended thither by the Duke of *Holstein*, whom he has appointed to be Generalissimo of his Forces, by the Count *de Guiscar* Ambassador from *France*, Count *Dhona* Envoy Extraordinary from *Brandenburgh*, and other Foreign Ministers. The Count of *Ozenstierne*, First Minister of State, is expected here in a day or two from his House at *Rosenberg*.

From the Saxon *Camp before* Riga, *Sept.* 19. *N. S.* The Batteries that were prepared in order to the Bombarding of *Riga* are now wholly demolished, and the heavy Artillery is sent to the *Dunamunder* and *Kober* Forts, where 'tis to remain all Winter; And the *Saxon* Forces will soon march to Winter Quarters in *Courland*, except those that are to continue the Blockade of *Riga*, and the 4000 *Lithuanians* are to return home. A Detachment of 3000 Men, commanded by Duke *Ferdinand* of *Courland*, are ordered to go and attack *Cockenhuysen*, about 15 miles distant from hence, which is the only Fort the *Swedes* have at present on the *Duna*. 'Tis discoursed, that the Inhabitants of *Riga* bought off the Bom-